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Title: Metal electrowinning cell with electrolyte purifier

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the international application as follows:

In the claims

In claim 4, please delete "or 2";

In claim 7, please delete "any preceeding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 8, please delete "any preceeding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 10, please delete "any preceeding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 11, please delete "any one of claims" and insert before "1", -- claim--; also please delete "to 9";

In claim 13, please delete "any preceeding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 15, please delete "any one of claims" and insert before "1", -- claim--; also please delete "to 13";

In claim 16, please delete "any preceeding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 17, please delete "any preceeding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

In claim 20, please delete "any one of claims" and insert before "1", -- claim--; also please delete "to 16";

In claim 21, please delete "any preceeding" and insert after "claim", --1--;

Respectfully submitted,



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